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Re: Proposed Agenda for After Final Interview
U.S. Application Serial No.: 09/415,018 entitled:
**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERIC INFERENCE OF SEQUENTIAL
ELEMENTS**
Attorney Docket No.: 21891.02300

Dear Examiner Ferris:

Thank you for providing us the opportunity for an After Final Interview regarding the above identified case. Per your request, please find enclosed our proposed agenda for this interview (via teleconference). If video conferencing is available at your end it is also a possibility, please let me know if you are interested in pursuing this option.

Our 3 month date on this case is 4/14/2003, so, if possible, we would greatly appreciate if the interview could possibly be held at some point next week (April 7th-11th). However, we are flexible if other dates are more convenient for you.

I am certain that we will be able to resolve all issues to everyone's satisfaction and then quickly move this case forward toward Issuance. I look forward to introducing you to Peter Chen and meeting your SPE (if available).

Thank you again,


John W. Carpenter

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After Final Interview re: 09/415,018
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERIC INFERENCE OF SEQUENTIAL ELEMENTS

- I. Introductions -
 - Peter Chen, Vice President of Intellectual Property, Cadence Design Systems Inc.
 - John Carpenter, Senior Associate, Reed Smith Crosby Heafey LLP
 - Fred Ferris, Examiner, United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)
 - Kevin Teska, Supervisory Patent Examiner, USPTO (if available)
- II. Summary of the Invention and Importance of the Patent Pending Technology
- III. Summary of Prior Art, Differences, and Allowed Subject Matter
- IV. Issues for resolving case for allowance
 - a. Discuss breadth of independent Claims
 - b. Claim amendments for better form for allowance.
 - c. Adding an In Re Beauregard style Claim
- V. Feasibility of Continuation Application of currently non-allowed claims/subject matter

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